

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 H04N7/26

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 G10L H04N

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, COMPENDEX, INSPEC, IBM-TDB

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	NEUBAUER C; STEINEBACH M; SIEBENHAAR F; PICKEL J: "Robustness evaluation of transactional audio watermarking systems" PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPIE, SECURITY AND WATERMARKING OF MULTIMEDIA CONTENTS V, vol. 5020, 21 January 2003 (2003-01-21), pages 12-20, XP002321218 SANTA CLARA, CA, US	1,3,4,6, 8-13,16, 17
Y	abstract Section 1. "Introduction", page 12 Section 2.2. "Bitstream Watermarking", pages 13-14 with figure 2 Section 3.2 "Applied Attacks", page 15 with tables 2-4 ----- -/--	5

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.☐ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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X	<p>WERNER O: "REQUANTIZATION FOR TRANSCODING OF MPEG-2 INTRAFRAMES" IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON IMAGE PROCESSING, IEEE INC. NEW YORK, US, vol. 8, no. 2, February 1999 (1999-02), pages 179-191, XP000831918 ISSN: 1057-7149</p>	1,2, 7-13,16
Y	-----	3-6,17
Y	<p>NEUBAUER C., HERRE J.: "Audio Watermarking of MPEG-2 AAC Bit Streams" 108TH AES CONVENTION, AUDIO ENGINEERING SOCIETY, PREPRINT 5101, 19 February 2000 (2000-02-19), pages 1-19, XP002321219 PARIS abstract Section 2 "Motivation and Requirements", page 2, first two paragraphs Section 3 "State of the Art", pages 3-4 Subsection 3.2.1 "Watermark Embedder", page 4 Section 4 "Bit Stream Watermarking Scheme", pages 5-8</p>	3-6,17
A	<p>-----</p> <p>GERSHO A: "Principles of Quantization" IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS, IEEE INC. NEW YORK, US, vol. CAS-25, no. 7, 1 July 1978 (1978-07-01), pages 427-436, XP002285971 Section IV. "Companding", pages 430-431 Section V. "Robust Quantization", pages 431-432</p>	1-13,16, 17
A	<p>-----</p> <p>CHENG S ET AL: "Enhanced spread spectrum watermarking of MPEG-2 AAC" 2002 IEEE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ACOUSTICS, SPEECH, AND SIGNAL PROCESSING, PROCEEDINGS OF IEEE ICASSP'02., vol. 4, 13 May 2002 (2002-05-13), pages IV 3728-IV 3731, XP002321322 PISCATAWAY, NJ, USA ISBN: 0-7803-7402-9 Section 3. "AAC Watermark" Subsection 4.4 "Robustness against Transcoding"</p> <p>-----</p>	1-13,16, 17

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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1. claims: 1-13,16,17

Optimised re-quantisation of digital data, optionally
including watermarking

2. claims: 14,15

Low noise transcoding of digital data into a different
format
